



# SOUTH HADLEY

## Hampshire County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of South Hadley is located in the heart of the Pioneer Valley along the banks of the Connecticut River. A bedroom community serving the greater Springfield-Holyoke area, South Hadley is mainly a residential town with its major employers being the manufacturer of specialty papers and Mount Holyoke College. South Hadley is a small, friendly, college town with a diverse offering of recreational activities for residents and visitors. One can stroll the beautiful Mount Holyoke College campus or enjoy plays sponsored by the College's summer theater group.

Located at the center of the town is the newly developed Village Commons which offers a variety of quaint shops, restaurants, theaters and cafes. South Hadley is proud to be the site of the first navigable canal in the United States and a visit to the Canal Park provides a pleasant stroll along the Connecticut River.

Any time of the year, South Hadley offers the flavor of country living with a variety of craft and antique fairs, the annual lighting of the Christmas tree at the Town Common, the Memorial Day "Olde Fashion Picnic" and a variety of community activities which add to the atmosphere of relaxed home-town living.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

South central Massachusetts, bordered by Hadley and Amherst on the north, Granby on the east, Chicopee on the south, and separated from Holyoke by the Connecticut River on the west. South Hadley is 12 miles north of Springfield, 30 miles south of Greenfield, 87 miles west of Boston, and 145 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 18.39 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 17.71 sq. miles

**Population:** 16,685

**Density:** 942 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Amherst Station)

Normal temperature in January.....23.6°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.9°F

Normal annual precipitation.....42.5"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Mt. Holyoke, Springfield North

## Regional Planning Agency

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Springfield



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 538-5017

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Representative Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1775

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 10,071

Democrats 3,557 35.3 % Republicans 1,220 12.1 % Other parties 6 0.1 % Unenrolled Voters 5,288 52.5 %

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: South Hadley town, Hampshire County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	17,196	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	17,196	100.0
Male.....	7,206	41.9	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	406	2.4
Female.....	9,991	58.1	Mexican.....	54	0.3
Under 5 years.....	783	4.6	Puerto Rican.....	207	1.2
5 to 9 years.....	945	5.5	Cuban.....	6	-
10 to 14 years.....	1,015	5.9	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	138	0.8
15 to 19 years.....	1,616	9.4	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	16,791	97.6
20 to 24 years.....	1,588	9.2	White alone.....	15,942	92.7
25 to 34 years.....	1,787	10.4	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	2,619	15.2	Total population.....	17,196	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,300	13.4	In households.....	15,349	89.3
55 to 59 years.....	854	5.0	Householder.....	6,586	38.3
60 to 64 years.....	698	4.1	Spouse.....	3,399	19.8
65 to 74 years.....	1,447	8.4	Child.....	4,193	24.4
75 to 84 years.....	1,176	6.8	Own child under 18 years.....	3,164	18.4
85 years and over.....	368	2.1	Other relatives.....	518	3.0
Median age (years).....	38.4	(X)	Under 18 years.....	151	0.9
18 years and over.....	13,817	80.4	Nonrelatives.....	653	3.8
Male.....	5,482	31.9	Unmarried partner.....	329	1.9
Female.....	8,335	48.5	In group quarters.....	1,847	10.7
21 years and over.....	12,365	71.9	Institutionalized population.....	114	0.7
62 years and over.....	3,403	19.8	Noninstitutionalized population.....	1,733	10.1
65 years and over.....	2,991	17.4	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	1,175	6.8	Total households.....	6,586	100.0
Female.....	1,816	10.6	Family households (families).....	4,208	63.9
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	1,746	26.5
One race.....	16,976	98.7	Married-couple family.....	3,399	51.6
White.....	16,172	94.0	With own children under 18 years.....	1,315	20.0
Black or African American.....	207	1.2	Female householder, no husband present.....	611	9.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	20	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	343	5.2
Asian.....	435	2.5	Nonfamily households.....	2,378	36.1
Asian Indian.....	99	0.6	Householder living alone.....	2,004	30.4
Chinese.....	82	0.5	Householder 65 years and over.....	902	13.7
Filipino.....	37	0.2	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,875	28.5
Japanese.....	30	0.2	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	2,102	31.9
Korean.....	53	0.3	Average household size.....	2.33	(X)
Vietnamese.....	20	0.1	Average family size.....	2.93	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	114	0.7	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	10	0.1	Total housing units.....	6,784	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	6,586	97.1
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	198	2.9
Samoan.....	4	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	5	-	occasional use.....	27	0.4
Some other race.....	132	0.8	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.7	(X)
Two or more races.....	220	1.3	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.8	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	6,586	100.0
White.....	16,376	95.2	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,876	74.0
Black or African American.....	290	1.7	Renter-occupied housing units.....	1,710	26.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	82	0.5	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.48	(X)
Asian.....	499	2.9	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.92	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	15	0.1			
Some other race.....	177	1.0			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	156
Conventional Federal:	0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	16
Federal (Section 8):	0



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# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

South Hadley is located in the Pioneer Valley, known as the crossroads of New England because of its strategic position along the Connecticut River Valley and its excellent transportation facilities. The Massachusetts Turnpike connects the region to Boston and to Albany, New York. Interstate 91 provides direct access to Hartford, Connecticut, and to Brattleboro and points north in Vermont.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 47 and U.S. Route 202, both running N-S.

### Rail

There is no passenger service in South Hadley, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible. Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (508) 663-1073.

### Bus

South Hadley is a member of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVRTA), which provides fixed route service to Holyoke and Granby and among the five college campuses directly or through Hampshire County Transit. The PVRTA also provides paratransit services for the elderly and disabled through the Council on Aging.

### Other

Westover Metropolitan Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located in neighboring Chicopee, has 2 asphalt and concrete runways 7,050' and 11,600' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

Mount Holyoke College Art Museum

(413) 538-2245

The Skinner Museum of Mount Holyoke College

35 Woodbridge Street

(413) 538-2085

## MUSEUMS

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

Meadowood

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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